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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING PARTS**Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

This is a response to the Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated 31 July 2001. That paper set a two month deadline for response making a response due 31 September 2001.

**REMARKS**

As required Applicant submits a declaration executed by the inventor.

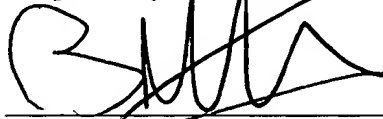
Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

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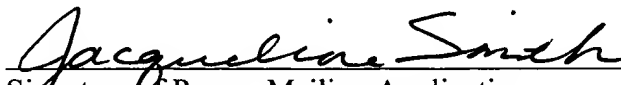
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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494) ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Basic National Fee.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Indication of Small Entity Status.                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of the international application.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Translation of the international application into English.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oath or Declaration of inventors(s).  | <input type="checkbox"/> Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Priority Document.  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any. |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.        |   |

2. ☐ Applicant has requested early processing under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) but has not filed the following indicated items and/or the indicated items in paragraph 3 below. The Basic National Fee and the copy of the international application must be filed prior to 20 or 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment.

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3. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. Translation of the application into English. A processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), properly identifying the application (preferably by the International application number and international filing date). A surcharge will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.   |
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4. Additional claim fees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a ☐ large entity ☐ small entity including any required multiple dependent